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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Giovanni TRAVERSO, Orsola PAIS GOLIN, Luca RAZZETTI, Lucia  
BIANCHI, Santo MAGGIO  
IMPROVED INTERFACE SYSTEM FOR SYNCHRONOUS HIERARCHY  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS  
**Assignee: ALCATEL**  
Our Ref. Q67311

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 17 sheets of the specification,  
including the claims and abstract, 4 sheet of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and  
executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and Preliminary Amendment.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

|                    |         |   |  |   |         |   |          |
|--------------------|---------|---|--|---|---------|---|----------|
| Total claims       | 10 - 20 | = |  | x | \$18.00 | = | \$0.00   |
| Independent claims | 1 - 3   | = |  | x | \$84.00 | = | \$0.00   |
| Base Fee           |         |   |  |   |         |   | \$740.00 |

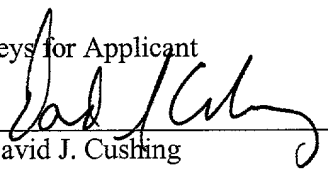
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| <b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>   | <b>\$740.00</b> |
| Recordation of Assignment | \$40.00         |
| <b>TOTAL FEE</b>          | <b>\$780.00</b> |

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$740.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are  
attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to  
Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37  
C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be  
required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy  
of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from November 30, 2000 based on Italian Application No. TO2000A001117.  
The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Giovanni TRAVERSO, et al.

Attorney Docket Q67311

Appln. No.: Unknown

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For: IMPROVED INTERFACE SYSTEM FOR SYNCHRONOUS HIERARCHY  
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**PROPOSED CORRECTIONS TO FORMAL DRAWINGS**

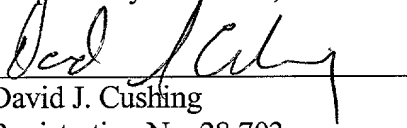
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**ATTENTION: OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN**

Sir:

Attached hereto please find two sheets of proposed corrections to the formal drawings (Figure 3 has been relabeled as "Figure 4" and Table 3 has been labeled as Figure 3). Changes have been made in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application to conform the specification to the corrected drawings. Acknowledgement and approval is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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